

Ordinance No. 18020-03-2008

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GRANTS FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 UPON RECEIPT OF THE GRANT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA), FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE 2008 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; MAKING THIS ORDINANCE CUMULATIVE OF PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

That in addition to those amounts allocated to the various City departments for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and in the Budget of the City Manager, there shall also be increased estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Fund in the amount of \$200,000, upon receipt of the grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, for the purpose of funding the 2008 Emergency Shelter Grant Program.

SECTION 2.

That should any portion, section or part of a section of this ordinance be declared invalid, inoperative or void for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision, opinion or judgment shall in no way impair the remaining portions, sections, or parts of sections of this ordinance, which said remaining provisions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

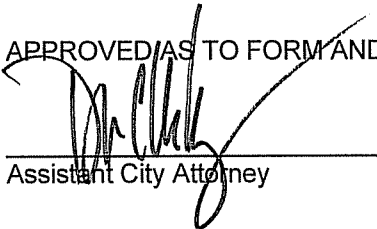
SECTION 3.

That this ordinance shall be cumulative of Ordinance No. 17749 and all other ordinances and appropriations amending the same except in those instances where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with such other ordinances and appropriations, in which instance said conflicting provisions of said prior ordinances and appropriations are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
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Assistant City Attorney

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE: March 18, 2008

*City of Fort Worth, Texas*  
**Mayor and Council Communication**

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**COUNCIL ACTION: Approved on 3/18/2008 - Ord. No. # 18020-03-2008**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, March 18, 2008

**LOG NAME:** 80ESG08

**REFERENCE NO.:** C-22719

**SUBJECT:**

Authorize Application for and Acceptance of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Year 2008 Emergency Shelter Grant; Authorize the Use of Existing Resources for In-Kind Match; Waive Indirect Costs; and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in an amount up to \$100,000 from the year 2008 Emergency Shelter Grant Program;
2. Authorize the execution of a contract with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program for the period of September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2009;
3. Authorize use of existing personnel, office equipment, office space, and donated goods and services for the City's in-kind match with an anticipated value of \$100,000;
4. Waive indirect costs associated with administration of this grant program in the approximate amount of \$4,500; and
5. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Fund in the amount of \$200,000 on receipt of this grant.

**DISCUSSION:**

Many individuals and families become homeless because a crisis reduces their household income and prevents them from paying rent, mortgage or utilities. Often, they experience some other problem with their landlord or employment. Accordingly, homeless prevention strategies are viewed as an important conduit to reduce the size of the homeless population. The City's Parks and Community Services Department, through the Community Action Partners (CAP) continues to receive a growing number of requests for rent and mortgage assistance.

The Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESGP) is designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance to prevent homelessness and enable homeless individuals and families to transition back to independence. If awarded, the ESGP funds will be used to assist individuals and families with rent, mortgage payments, deposits, utilities, childcare, transportation, and legal representation involving evictions. Waiving indirect costs associated with administration of this grant will allow grant funds to be used solely for providing direct assistance to the public.

This program serves ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

**FISCAL INFORMATION/CERTIFICATION:**

The Finance Director certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, award of the grant, and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Fund.

**TO Fund/Account/Centers****FROM Fund/Account/Centers**

<u>GR76 488954 080200250000</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
<u>GR76 5VARIOUS 080200250010</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
<u>GR76 488279 080200250000</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
<u>GR76 517040 080200250000</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>

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